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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR WX INTERCEPT FACILITY

1. MUSLO HAS RECIEVED FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE (DTG R 220745Z AUG 75) FROM CINCUSAFE LINDSEY AS GE/DCXX: QUOTE 1. A CONTINGENCY LOCATION FOR A WEATHER (WX) INTERCEPT FACILITY IS BEING SOUGHT WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED TO PREVENT A DISRUPTION IF VALUABLE WX DATA IN THE EVENT THE U.S. IS REQUIRED TO CEASE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY AT INCIRLIK, TURKEY. THIS TYPE OF FACILITY UTILIZES HIGH FREQUENCY RECEIVERS TO MONITOR FOREIGN RADIO WX TELEGRAPHY BROADCASTS WHICH ARE THEN SENT VIA LAND LINE TO THE CROUGHTON AUTOMATIC DIGITAL WX SWITCH. 2. THE APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS OF THE PRESENT INCIRLIK WX FACILITY ARE: LAND AREA--2,400 FT. BY 3,600 FT.; MAXIMUM ANTENNA HEIGHT--120 FT.; BUILDING SPACE--24 FT. BY 24 FT. 3. REQUEST YOU DETERMINE THE DIMENSIONS OF AVAILABLE LAND IN YOUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WHICH APPROXIMATES OR EXCEEDS THE AREA REQUIRED FOR THIS MISSIONS ANTENNA FIELD. 4. YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS CONTINGENCY STUDY IS SOLICITED. UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE NO INDICATION HERE AS TO WHETHER AIR FORCE IS UNDERTAKING NECESSARY LATERAL COORDINATION IN

CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTINGENCY PLANNING, PARTICULARLY

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REGARDING POLITICAL FACTORS. HOWEVER, IF SO INSTRUCTED, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT WELL WITHIN LIMITS OF THE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN GOM CONCURRENCE GO AHEAD WITH THIS FACILITY, ASSUMING IT TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE PHYSICALLY TO ADD IT TO EXISTING USN FACILITIES RATHER THAN ACQUIRING NEW LAND.
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